

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of January 19, 2007 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment to the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to clarify that the support member of the printhead module(s) is a one-piece member and that the printhead module(s) is removably mounted to the casing through removable engagement of the support members and a support frame of the casing. Support for these amendments can be found at page 7, lines 1-16 of the present specification; and

dependent claims 2-8 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-8 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggest by newly cited Silverbrook (US 2002/018034) in view of previously cited Lee and/or Silverbrook '908, for at least the following reasons.

As discussed above, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite the arrangement of the present invention in which the fluid channel members 40 of the printhead modules 30 are one-piece molded members which are removably mounted within the channel 21 of the casing 20 (see page 7, lines 1-16 and page 12, line 8-page 14, line 27 of the present specification).

On the other hand, Silverbrook '834 specifically discloses that the removable mounting of the printhead modules 46 to the individual ink distribution arrangements 72, ~~which are separately positioned in the channel 62 to form the ink reservoir assembly 70,~~ facilitates removal and replacement when necessary (see paragraph [0057] of Silverbrook '834).

Further, neither Lee nor Silverbrook '908 provides any disclosure which would motivate one of ordinary skill in the art to modify this arrangement of Silverbrook '834, because Lee merely discloses that the printer controller 12, print data control logic circuit 20 and associated circuitry are connected to the printer head 22 (see col. 3, line 38-col. 4, line 11 of Lee) and Silverbrook '908 specifically discloses that the reservoir molding 32 of the ink reservoir 16 is heat staked to the chassis 14, such that the printhead "module" 10 is clearly not removably mounted to the "casing" (see col. 5, lines 14-33 of Silverbrook '908).

Thus, the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-8 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Silverbrook '834, Lee and Silverbrook '908 either taken alone or in combination with one another.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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